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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Christian Behl et al. )  
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Serial No.: 09/856,681 )  
 ) Examiner: Nichols, Christopher J.  
Filed: August 3, 2001 )  
 ) Art Unit: 1647  
For: HUMAN SEMAPHORIN 6A-1 )  
(SEMA6A-A), A GENE INVOLVED IN )  
NEURONAL DEVELOPMENT AND )  
REGENERATION MECHANISMS )  
DURING APOPTOSIS, AND ITS USE )  
AS A POTENTIAL DRUG TARGET )

FIRST AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO A NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 13, 2003, a three-month period of response to which expires February 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application based upon the following amendments and remarks.

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